

## Today's News - December 13, 2006

Harvard GSD's Kayden rebuts Kotkin's derision of the "boutique city." – Big Apple getting bigger - and greener. – D.C. to require LEED green from private developers; critics want a choice. – Solar trees planted in Google parking lot. – Gardner tries, but can't muster the "good will" to find something good in Gehry's first foray into Manhattan. – Campbell says make the brutalist Boston City Hall "the best that it can be" instead of tearing it down. – A plea to save the brutalism: would "yet another new drab skyscraper will enhance the post-City Hall Plaza area?" – In Scottsdale, Bruder envisions "a crystalline city rising from the natural desert" (sorry, no pix). – Saffron gives a thumbs-up to Kahn's masterpiece makeover at Yale (and hopes it bodes well for his Trenton Baths). – A new housing niche: retirement developments for the "gay and gray." – Designing in safety and security in sacred spaces. – BBC wonders if new Creation Museum is a "high-tech temple" or "just another Disney-style magic kingdom." – The Glasgow Mackintosh Festival is a huge hit. – A Denver gallery show offers "fascinating insights into Libeskind's creative method." – New book profiles 100+1 Pakistani architects. – A Burnham flick in the works.

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[It's Not Schools vs. Scones: Reviving America's cites takes "back to basics," a bit of the cool, and more. A response to Joel Kotkin's urban prescription.](#) By Jerold Kayden-Democracy

[The Big Apple, Getting Bigger, Sets New Goals: ...a set of development goals that envision massive infrastructure investment, land-use reform, and a heavy emphasis on doing it all in an environmentally sustainable way.](#) By Alex Frangos- Wall Street Journal

[Congestion Pricing And The Future Of NYC: Addressing The Objections.](#) By Bruce Schaller- Gotham Gazette (NYC)

[D.C. Council Passes Green Building Rules for Private Development: ...would make Washington the first major city to require private developers to adhere to the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council...Critics say...should have allowed developers to choose between using LEED or...Green Globes and developed by the Green Building Initiative.](#) (AP)- Environmental News Network

[Google Plants Solar Trees: Parking lots are the traditional wasteland of the suburban biosphere...But now these asphalt acres are getting their day in the sun...groves of pole-mounted solar panels...generating clean power and providing a little shade at the same time.](#) -- Energy Innovations [images]- Wired News

[Sailing With Frank Gehry: InterActiveCorp \(IAC\)...requires more good will than I can muster to find an angle from which the building truly works.](#) By James Gardner [image]- New York Sun

[Brutal, powerful structure of 1969 is now out of style: Boston City Hall is a measure of changing fashions in architecture...They mayor's been talking about tearing it down for years. He should be thinking instead of making it the best that it can be.](#) By Robert Campbell -- Gerhard Kallmann/Noel Michael McKinnell- Boston Globe

[Plaza plea: Save the brutalism! There's no problem with the exterior design of the "brutalist modern" City Hall...It's the desolate plaza outside and utterly depressing interior that numb the soul...Do you really believe yet another new drab skyscraper will enhance the post-City Hall Plaza area?](#) -- Kallmann, McKinnell and Knowles [image, links]- Boston Herald

[Makeover for a Kahn masterpiece: Yale University Art Gallery...Kahn's great strength, and certainly the reason for his newfound popularity, was the ability to make buildings that blend a deeply human, tactile quality with the modernists' optimistic view of technology.](#) By Inga Saffron -- Polshek Partnership- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Top architect unveils design for Dial center: ..."a crystalline city rising from the natural desert."](#) -- Will Bruder- Arizona Republic

[Gay retirement community is a first: Gay men and lesbians are the newest niche in a booming retirement housing market...a few housing projects have popped up to serve the "gay and gray" population.](#) - Dallas Morning News

[Security and Religious Facilities: Providing Safety and Sanctuary: Integrating design, use of technology, and operations...will offer far more protection than prayer alone for protecting sacred spaces.](#) By Barbara A. Nadel, FAIA- Buildings.com

[Creation museum pushes 'true history': A new hi-tech temple to fundamentalist Christianity is due to open in the heart of Middle America next May...Without...rejecting centuries of scientific reasoning, it all resembles just another Disney-style magic kingdom.](#) -- A.M. Kinney Associates- BBC News

[500,000 flock to Mackintosh celebrations: The Glasgow Mackintosh Festival, built around the enduring appeal of the unique designs and buildings of the Scottish architect, had planned for a "footfall" of around 150,000 people.](#) - The Herald (UK)

[Libeskind's working sketches: ...a surprisingly ambitious exhibition of 83 sketches and drawings...do not disappoint, offering fascinating insights into Libeskind's creative method...](#) By Kyle MacMillan [images]- Denver Post

["100+1 Pakistani Architects and their own houses" by Mukhtar Husain...profiles the designs of established professionals as well as young practitioners, from all over the country.](#) - The News (Pakistan)

[The Archimedia Workshop and Kartemquin Educational Films Announce the Co-Production of Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City](#)- Yahoo News

[-- Expansion: Arquitectonica: Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, New York](#)  
[-- Exhibition: Racing Cars, The Art Dimension, ARoS Aarhus, Denmark](#)

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